sanctioned and if not, what has been done in the matter since the last Budget Session of the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A portion of Survey No. 1389/2 of Chovannur village will be set apart for the use of the Ezhuvas and other backward communities as their burial ground. The ground will be improved in the course of the year, if funds are available.

Construction—Masonry drains—Pazhanji.

2. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 42, dated 31st July 1933, whether any action has been taken to translate into action the request made to the P. W. D. by the Cochin Road Board to attend at an early date to the construction of masonry drains in Pazhanji Bazaar?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work could not be provided in the current year's budget for want of funds. When funds are available action will be taken to carry out the work.

Water communication—Kunnamkulam.

3. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to question No. 184 of 3rd August 1933, will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether any reply has been received from the Madras Government; and if so,

(b) whether it will be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. V. k. Aravindaksha Menon.—Final reply has not been received. The Madras Government have asked for certain details regarding the proposed scheme.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the details called for by the Madras Government have been supplied?

Deputy President.—The Engineering Member is absent. You may put the same question when the Engineer comes to-morrow.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So this question will be given preference to-morrow?

Deputy President.—Yes, certainly. The Secretary will make a note of it.

In-patients—Hospitals.

4. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) the number of beds for in-patients in each hospital in the State;

(b) the number of in-patients treated in each hospital in (i) 1106,(ii) 1107 and (iii) 1108;

(c) whether there are beds in any hospital more than the actual requirement; and if so,

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(d) the names of hospitals wherein there is an excess of beds;

(e) the dietary charges in each hospital in (i) 1106, (ii) 1107, (iii) 1108;

(f) the average dietary charge per head per day in each hospital in 1108?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—A statement giving the information is appended. (*Appendix I*).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In view of the fact that the average dietary charge per head per day in the Kunnamkulam hospital is only 1 anna 8·63 pies, which is much lower than the average charge per head in other hospitals, will the Government consider to increase the amount given to that hospital under this item?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In calculating this and coming to this figure, the average is struck after taking into consideration the number of self-dieting patients also. Enough of money is given according to the needs of the medical officer but still I must say that the amount allotted under dietary is not sufficient to meet all the demands and the Government is trying its level best to devote more funds towards this.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether either the quality or the quantity of the diets in any way differs from those supplied to the other hospitals?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No. The scale of dietary that is given to all the hospitals is always the same.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—How do you account for this? Are commodities cheaper there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not so. In working out this average figure the number of self-dieting patients is also taken. Some times in one institution there may be more self-dieting patients and therefore naturally the dietary expenditure will be less.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have you not taken the average for the last 3 years?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes. It is the average for 1108.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is it a fact that for want of funds patients are compelled to resort to self-dieting?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In some hospitals it is so.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Do the Government think it necessary that that ought to be remedied?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Government consider it necessary.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Have any attempts been made by the C. M. O. in that respect?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—How many hospitals are there in the State where patients are compelled to resort to self-dieting under such circumstances?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The chief hospital is the Cranganur hospital.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Has that matter been brought to the notice of the Government through the Assistant Surgeon in charge at Cranganur?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have myself brought it to the notice of the Government; but funds in the Cranganur Principality is not sufficient.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are there not other hospitals also where such things occur?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—As regards other hospitals, as far as funds permit, funds have been allotted.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—May I know why the figures for 1107 and 1108 in the Civil Hospital have fallen—the number of in-patients has fallen from 1990 to 1824 and 1700? There is a regular fall in the number of patients. Is it on account of the better health of the town?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The total number do not always mean that there are less number of patients in the hospital. Many a time the total number may be less but the daily average will be more.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.- But it is a peculiar feature of the Civil Hospital. Whereas in all other hospitals there is a going up of figures. So I wish to know whether the Government can account for the fall.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Variations themselves are not very much and one cannot consider that the fall is very phenomenal.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—But in all other hospitals it is rising.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government have received any representations from the inhabitants of Kunnamkulam requesting them to increase the dietary charge?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to consider this matter while spending the 3 lakhs of rupees granted by His Highness?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The amount of 3 lakhs that is now granted is for new constructions and not for dietary charges. It is intended for buildings.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Chief Medical Officer draw the attention of the Government to this matter?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I know for certain that the amount which is now given is not enough. I do not wish to fight shy of that affair. I do not exactly remember whether there was any such representation in the matter. But all the same in that hospital there are more patients admitted than the dietary given can justify.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is the urgency for the construction of buildings or for the removal of such defects?

Deputy President.—Does that arise as a supplementary question?

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Yes. The Hon'ble Member said that the 3 lakhs is intended for the construction of buildings. We are now on the question of diets. We find that there is more urgency in this. I want to know whether the construction of the buildings is more important than the question of diets.

Deputy President.—Opinion is not generally asked for. Only facts and figures can be asked. I do not think that is a supplementary question.

In-patients—Kunnamkulam Hospital.

5. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of beds for in-patients in the Kunnamkulam Hospital ;

(b) how many years have passed since the above number of beds having been first provided in the above Hospital ;

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) 30

(b) The accurate number of years is not known.

Resolution passed—Shorthand Typewriting Institute, Kunnamkulam.

6. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Diwan has received a copy of the resolution passed at a meeting of the past and present students of the Shorthand Typewriting Institute, Parayil, Kunnamkulam, held on Monday, the 10th July 1933; and if so,

(b) whether a copy of the resolution be printed and placed on the table ;

(c) whether any action has been taken thereon ;

(d) whether the Government have perused the G. O. No. 1565 dated 5th December 1932 issued by the Government of Madras; and if so,

(e) whether a copy of it will be printed and placed on the table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the above answer.

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APPENDIX I.
(Vide Answer to Question No. 4.)

Name of Institution	A. The number of beds for in-patients in each hospital in the State	B. The number of in-patients treated in each hospital in			C. Whether there are beds in any hospital more than the actual requirement	D. The names of hospitals wherein there is an excess of beds	E. Dietary charges in each hospital			F. Average dietary charge per head per day in each hospital in 1108
		1106	1107	1108			1106	1107	1108	
General Hospital	210	4780	5356	5096	Nil	Does not arise	12,758 2 0	12,895 12 0	11,252 1 5	2 as. 6 ps
Civil Hospital	86	1990	1824	1700	..	..	4,483 0 0	4,958 0 0	4,933 0 2	2 as. 5 ps.
Irinjalakkuda	23	532	702	722	..	..	1,199 0 0	2,228 12 0	1,934 3 8	2 as. 3 ps.
Kunnamkulam	30	931	1022	1184	..	..	1,195 9 7	1,388 5 4	1,372 1 2	1 a. 8·64 ps.
Chalakkudi	32	842	1071	1057	..	..	1,998 4 1	2,335 1 5	2,405 15 6	2 as. 11·26 ps.
Cranganur	17	401	508	532	..	..	397 14 0	500 0 0	509 0 0	2 as. 6 ps.
Chittur	16	287	167	193	..	..	414 7 0	773 10 0	664 5 6	3 as. 0·06 ps.
Nemmara	12	119	203	234	..	..	499 10 0	338 15 0	323 8 8	2 as. 7·3 ps.
Maternity Hospital	66	1739	1654	1764	..	..	3,521 11 0	4,229 0 0	3,870 4 7	2 as. 1 p.
Women's Hospital	96	1865	2121	2271	..	..	3,425 2 10	3,762 2 1	3,971 0 7	2 as.
Ophthalmic Hospital	32	370	388	548	..	..	...	..	713 1 0 for 7 months	2 as. 3 ps.
Mental Hospital	No beds as such, but accommodation for 54	136	139	155	...	..	6,579 3 0	6,901 8 0	6 344 2 0	2 as. 7 ps.
Central Jail Hospital	18	171	179	129	..	..	No separate account here			Does not arise
Trippunittura Dispensary	4	63	77	91	..	..	70 0 0	250 0 0	250 0 0	4 as. 11·4 ps.
Vadakkancheri	8	172	241	271	..	..	181 2 7	346 12 10	314 0 10	2 as. 7 ps.
Narakkal	5	166	97	115	...	..	199 15 10	275 1 9	267 8 2	3 as. 10·15 ps.
Mulanthuruthi	4	nil	nil	34	...	..	...	..	53 12 3	2 as. 3·56 ps.
Kozhinjampara	2	nil	14	40	..	..	...	21 9 11	19 6 10	0 a. 0·5 ps.
Ayyampilli	4	66	86	105	..	..	77 12 8	164 10 7	141 7 11	1 a. 11·94 ps.
Pudukad	4	112	93	80	..	..	129 15 6	95 11 9	96 13 8	3 as. 3·58 ps.
Kuriarkutti	6	12	2	nil	..	..	20 2 3	..	..	nil.
Palayannur	2	36	16	26	..	..	25 3 7	60 4 10	53 10 6	2 as. 3·18 ps.
Kattur	4	nil	nil	80	..	..	..	...	149 15 3	2 as. ·31 ps.